

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*) An image reproducing apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:

a reproduction processor ~~reproducing~~ configured to reproduce the image information stored in the recording medium;

a key input section having a skip key;

a first skip processor configured to cause skipping, when the skip key is pressed ~~a first one-time, skipping~~ the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a first predetermined period that takes into account a delay in the first time pressing of the skip key and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the first predetermined period ~~is passed~~ has lapsed; and

a second skip processor configured to cause skipping, when the skip key is pressed ~~twice in two times within~~ a certain period, skipping of the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for ~~a second the first~~ predetermined period ~~having the first predetermined period~~ and a third second predetermined period, which is longer than the first predetermined period, and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the ~~second first~~ predetermined period and the second predetermined period have lapsed ~~is passed~~.

2. (*Currently Amended*) An image reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first predetermined period is shorter than the second predetermined period by 1 to 5 seconds.

~~An image reproduction apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:~~

~~a reproduction processor reproducing the image information stored in the recording medium;~~

~~a key input section having a skip key;~~

~~a first skip processor, when the skip key is pressed one time, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the first predetermined period is passed; and~~

~~a second skip processor, when the skip key is pressed twice or more in a certain period, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a first predetermined period in accordance with a first pressing of the skip key, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a second predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period in accordance with a second pressing or after of the skip key, and then resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor again.~~

3. (Currently Amended) An image reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first predetermined period is shorter than a predetermined multiple of 15 seconds by 1 to 5 seconds, and the second predetermined period is a predetermined multiple of 15 seconds.

~~An image reproducing apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:~~

~~a reproduction processor reproducing the image information stored in the recording medium;~~

~~a key input section having a skip key;~~

~~a first skip processor, when the skip key is pressed one time, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the first predetermined period is passed;~~

~~a second skip processor, when the skip key is pressed twice in a certain period and when a first skip corresponding to the first pressing of the skip key has not completed, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction~~

~~processor for a second predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the second predetermined period is passed; and~~

~~a third skip processor, when the skip key is pressed twice in the certain period and after the first skip has been completed, skipping the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor for a third predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period but shorter than the second predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction processor after the second predetermined period is passed.~~

4. *(Currently Amended)* An image reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first predetermined period is in the range of about 25 seconds to about 29 seconds, and the second predetermined periods is 30 seconds.

~~An image reproducing apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:~~

~~a key input section having a skip key for indicating a skip process;~~

~~first means, when the skip key is pressed one time, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information the first predetermined period is passed; and~~

~~second means, when the skip key is pressed twice in a certain period, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a second predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information after the second predetermined period is passed~~

5. *(Currently Amended)* An image reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

when the skip key is pressed twice in a certain period, the reproduction processor skips reproduction for the first predetermined period in response to first-time pressing of the skip key;

when the skip key is pressed a second time when reproduction is still being skipped, the reproduction processor skips the reproduction for the second predetermined period, which is longer than the first predetermined period; and

when the skip key is pressed a second time after reproduction has skipped, the reproduction processor skips the reproduction for a third predetermined period, which is longer than the first predetermined period and shorter than the second predetermined period, and then the reproduction processor resumes reproduction of the image information.

~~An image reproduction apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:~~

~~a key input section having a skip key;~~

~~first means, when the skip key is pressed one time, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a first predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information after the first predetermined period is passed; and~~

~~second means, when the skip key is pressed twice or more in a certain period, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a first predetermined period in accordance with a first pressing of the skip key, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a second predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period in accordance with a second pressing or after of the skip key, and then resuming the reproduction of the image information again.~~

6. *(Currently Amended)* An image reproducing apparatus reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:

a reproduction means for reproducing the image information stored in the recording medium;

a key input section having a skip key;

a first means, when the skip means for causing, when a skip key is pressed one a first time, for skipping of the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction means for a first predetermined period that takes into account a delay in the first time

pressing of the skip key and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction means after the first predetermined period is passed has lapsed; and

a second skip means for causing, when the skip key is pressed twice in a certain period, skipping of the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction means for and when a first skip corresponding to the first pressing of the skip key has not completed, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a second the first predetermined period which is longer than the first and a second predetermined period, which is longer than the first predetermined period, and resuming the reproduction of the image information by the reproduction means after the second first predetermined period and the second predetermined period have lapsed, is passed; and

~~third means, when the skip key is pressed twice in the certain period and after the first skip has been completed, for skipping the reproduction of the image information for a third predetermined period which is longer than the first predetermined period but shorter than the second predetermined period and resuming the reproduction of the image information after the second predetermined period is passed.~~

7. - 8. (Cancelled).

9. (New) A method of reproducing image information from a recording medium, comprising:

reproducing the image information stored in the recording medium;

providing a key input section having a skip key;

skipping, for a first predetermined period, the reproduction of the image information, when the skip key is pressed a first time, and resuming the reproduction of the image information after the first predetermined period has lapsed, wherein the first predetermined period that takes into account a delay in the first time pressing of the skip key; and

skipping, for the first predetermined period and a second predetermined period that is longer than the first predetermined period, the reproduction of the image information when the skip key is pressed two times within a certain period, and

resuming the reproduction of the image information after the first predetermined period and the second predetermined period have lapsed.